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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests an update concerning the status of the subject application. It has now been approximately 12 months since the application was filed. Please advise us when an initial office action may be expected to issue.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. If a telephone conference would help to advance the prosecution of this application, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (239) 481-0900. Please acknowledge receipt of this inquiry by stamping and returning the enclosed post card.

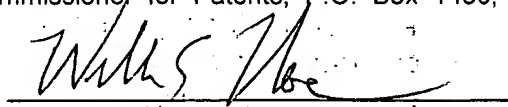
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